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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #29 - As of 11:00 a.m. EDT)

1. On the main fighting front in West Pakistan, both Indian and Pakistani press sources report Indian counterattacks being conducted on 11 September. The main Indian effort appears to be to wipe out the advances made by Pakistan yesterday in the Ferozepur area, where Indian Defense Minister Chavan had admitted to an Indian retreat. Conflicting claims make it difficult to determine how far the Indians may have pushed back the Pakistanis, but the weight of evidence suggests the Indians have regained a little ground.

2. Farther north, near Wagah, fighting is seeing-sawing in the vicinity of that town, with both sides reporting slight gains. Word from the US Consulate General in Lahore about noon, local time, on 11 September indicated that Lahore was quiet and that firing (reported on the night of 10-11 September) could no longer be heard.

3. There appears to be no significant fighting still farther north in the Dera Nanak bridge area. India reports it has patrols on the west side of the river, but Pakistan's destruction of the bridge apparently has halted any major fighting here.

4. There is no detailed news on the situation in the Chamb and Sialkot regions. The Indian drive toward Sialkot is meeting firm Pakistani resistance, and apparently is making slow--if any--progress. So far as is known, the Indian thrust from Rajasthan state into Pakistani territory is still stalled around Gadra.

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5. Both sides reportedly bombed airfields behind each other's lines during the night of 10-11 September.

6. Reuters quotes official sources in Jaipur, the capital city of India's Rajasthan state, to the effect that 30 Pakistani raiders attacked a police post in Jaisalmer District (Jaisalmer is at 27-12N, 70-30E) about 80 miles from the West Pakistan border. This is the first report of irregular forces operating outside of Kashmir. It could be Pakistani reaction to draw attention away from Gadrar farther south. Armed civilians have been seen moving in trucks in various parts of West Pakistan in recent days, but mainly farther north than this.

7. In East Pakistan, Dacca experienced an air raid alert on the night of 10-11 September. Indian soldiers and police were reported on 11 September to have moved into action against "several hundred" Pakistani paratroopers supposedly dropped earlier in the Gauhati-Shillong area of Assam state.

8. The Indian press reports that violent Hindu-Muslim rioting occurred in Adilabad (19-40N, 78-32E) in Andhra Pradesh state on 10 September. Shops were looted and burned before police broke up the mobs with tear gas. The rioting is said to have started when Hindu crowds were returning from a religious ceremony.

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